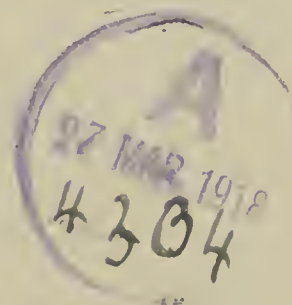


Winborne 1917
WINBORNE MINSTER URBAN DISTRICT

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S REPORT

1917.

During the year the health of the Town was very satisfactory. There were fifteen cases of Measles, one Cerebro spinal meningitis, two Scarlet Fever, and one Diphtheria. One case of Scarlet Fever was sent to the Blandford Isolation Hospital. When the war bread first came out, there were several cases of Intestinal derangement, but as the bread improved these disappeared. Owing to war conditions, the Housing and Town Planning Act is still in abeyance, but many improvements were carried out where required. There was a scarcity of houses of a rental of 10/- per week and under; this resulted in several cases of overcrowding: I believe this condition will be remedied when the Building Scheme adopted by the Council is carried out, but I see no likelihood of this being done before the war is over. The Bake-houses, Dairies, and Slaughter-houses were all found to be kept in a satisfactory condition. The Government had under consideration, a plan for making the Town one of the Centres for slaughtering Bullocks, 80 to 100 per day, but the idea had to be given up, owing to the amount of blood which would have got into the River.



VITAL STATISTICS.

The following estimates are made on the returns of the sugar cards.

Estimated Population, 3,580.

As seen in the table given below, the Death Rate is lower and the Birth Rate higher. The Death Rate for Children under one year of age is abnormally high. I think that is partly due to the new regulations regarding Notifications of Births and Deaths. In the past, for certain reasons, Infants who lived for one or two minutes only, were sometimes passed as still-born, but have now to be registered as a Birth and subsequently as a Death, thus increasing both the number of Births and Deaths registered, especially those under one year.

	<u>1913</u>	<u>1914</u>	<u>1915</u>	<u>1916</u>	<u>1917</u>	
						(Males 22 Females 36)
Births	70	65	63	51	58	
Rate per 1000 inhabitants	18.7	17.6	17.0	14.0	16.2	
Deaths	51	50	50	46	40	
Rate per 1000 inhabitants	13.6	13.3	14.4	13.7	11.1	
Zymotic Deaths	1	1	0	0	3	
Rate per 1000 inhabitants	0.3	0.28	0.0	0.0	0.83	
Infant Mortality under 1 yr.	5	6	3	1	9	
Rate per 1000 Births	71.4	90.7	47.6	19.6	155.0	
Infant Mortality under 2 yrs.	0	1	0	2	1	
from Dysentery and Diarrhoea						

Causes of Death under 1 year:

- 1913 Premature Birth 2, Bronchitis 2, Whooping-cough 1.
- 1914 Premature Birth 3, Inanition 1, Malformation 1, Fits 1.
- 1915 Pneumonia 1, Inanition 1, Bronchitis 1.
- 1916 Pneumonia 1.
- 1917 Premature Birth 2, Inanition 4, Diarrhoea 1, Whooping-cough 1, Specific 1.

For England, the Birth Rate is 17.7 and the Death Rate under 1 year is 97.7.

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